## ROBERT KLEIN GALLERY

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Robert Klein Gallery @ Ars Libri to Exhibit Magda Biernat's Photographs about Global Climate Change



## MAGDA BIERNAT

Adrift
Robert Klein Gallery @ Ars Libri
500 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA 02118
April 3 – 25, 2015
Opening Reception: Friday, April 3, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

BOSTON, MA – Magda Biernat's Adrift exhibition at Robert Klein Gallery @ Ars Libri (500 Harrison Ave) will open with an artist's reception on Friday, April 3, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Biernat (Polish, b. 1978) has photographed some of Earth's remotest locales, including Antarctica and Alaska, and for Adrift she focused in on icebergs and Inupiat Eskimo huts whose shapes and volumes echo one another. The series is a quiet, haunting study of organic and inorganic structures succumbing to the effects of global climate change. Adrift is Biernat's first show with Robert Klein Gallery.

In her statement about the work, Biernat writes: "time and change work inevitable degradation on all things. As an architectural photographer, I've always been fascinated by structures in different states of decay. During a year's journey from the Antarctic to the Arctic Circle, I was drawn to subjects that were both a departure from my work and a familiar target...The Earth's polar regions are profoundly affected by climate change. Average temperatures in the Arctic and Antarctic regions are rising twice as fast as they are elsewhere in the world. As they drift, the city-block-sized icebergs will disappear at a faster rate than ever before."

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The cool, icy blues of the Antarctic icebergs and the myriad whites and grays of the Eskimo hunting huts are a binary palette that gives the architectural aspect of Biernat's photographs an added appeal. Angles of ice blocks and curves of snowdrifts echo one another. Writes Biernat: "the hunting cabins of the Inupiat are mirrors of the Ione ice mountains in the south, singular polar structures under pressure from changing ecosystems; silent and static witnesses to change." Grouped en masse, the pictures form a visual typology that hint at the polarization of public opinion on climate change.

Biernat brings her architectural eye and environmentalist approach to Robert Klein Gallery's roster of likeminded artists, which includes Chris Jordan (American, b. 1963), Karen Halverson (American, b. 1941), Jeff Brouws (American, b. 1955) and Jim Dow (American, b. 1942). In advance of her exhibition at Robert Klein Gallery @ Ars Libri, Biernat will give a lecture at Annenberg Space for Photography in Los Angeles, CA, on Thursday, April 2, about her personal exploration into the built environment and its impact on the natural world.

Biernat will be signing copies of her book, Adrift, during the April 3 reception. Light refreshments will be served; the event is free and open to the public. The exhibition will run through Saturday, April 25.

**ROBERT KLEIN GALLERY** was established in 1980 and ranks among the world's most prestigious showrooms of fine art photography.

Robert Klein opened his Newbury Street space with early exhibitions of Diane Arbus, Annie Leibovitz, Sally Mann, and Hiroshi Sugimoto. From 1995 through 2008, Robert served as President of the Board of Directors of the Association of International Photography Art Dealers (AIPAD). During his tenure, Robert engineered the 2006 expansion of The AIPAD Photography Show New York to the Park Avenue Armory. The AIPAD Photography Show's move firmly established it as one of the leading photographic fairs in the world.

Robert Klein Gallery maintains an extensive and ever-changing inventory of 19th century, 20th century, and contemporary photographs. Participating in international art fairs such as Paris Photo, The Armory Show – Modern, and The AlPAD Photography Show in New York, Robert Klein Gallery provides its contemporary artists with international exposure while exhibiting works by recognized masters such as Ansel Adams, Helen Levitt, and Irving Penn. With 40 combined years of experience and a profound knowledge base, the gallery staff is committed to serving as a resource for both novice and seasoned collectors.

Robert Klein Gallery 38 Newbury St, Boston, MA, 02116 Tuesday – Friday, 10 AM – 5:30 PM Saturday, 11 AM – 5 PM

In June 2012, Robert Klein Gallery began a long-term collaboration with Ars Libri to host satellite installations in the South End bookstore. Exhibits at **ROBERT KLEIN GALLERY @ ARS LIBRI** supplement and complement Robert Klein Gallery shows with additional works and printed material.

Robert Klein Gallery @ Ars Libri 500 Harrison Ave, Boston, MA, 02118 Monday – Friday, 9 AM – 6 PM Saturday, 11 AM – 5 PM

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